

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

This is a clear indication of the control the Bush administration has with and over the media. This has happened before...in Germany during the 1930s. The form of action that Sinclair is taking is dispicable. If Sinclair proceeds with their one sided opinion, it is against the law and they need to be stopped. I no longer listen to Fox news on television being that the information that is given is so RIGHT of center that Fox is falling off the scale.
Thank you.
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